

Only goal puts City out of Cup

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ALTHOUGH missing both Howlett and Buswell, Oxford City might well have earned a replay when they met Wycombe Wanderers in the FA Cup. The only goal, by Trott, in the fifth minute, gave Wycombe a victory. The City fought back bravely in the second half but there was no punch in the centre of the attack.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Moring; Truett, Fisher, Fryer; Rockell, Trott, Bates, Howson, Tomlin.

Oxford City: Staniland; Guilfoyle, Dalrymple; Evans, A Jackson, F Jackson; Allen, Thorne, Bricknell, Goodison, Harris.

Referee: J L Jackson (Harrow).

Wycombe pressed in the early stages and Guilfoyle cleared twice, heading out to ease a tricky situation.

TROTT opened the scoring in the sixth minute, giving Staniland no chance after Bates had sent the ball over from the left.

CITY FIGHT BACK

Wycombe quickly snuffed out a City raid but the visitors were soon attacking again. Following a long upfield pass Bricknell tried a long range shot which went over.

After a free kick by Allen, Bricknell tried again, this time from close in, but his shot was blocked.

City were now fighting back hard, but were not so dangerous as Wycombe in front of goal.

Howson put Trott through but the Wycombe forward shot wide, wasting an easy chance.

Exchanges became even and the City's makeshift attack frequently taxed the home defence.

Goodison had an easy chance following a corner but missed. Then Rockell muffed a simple opportunity.

Exciting battle develops

An exciting battle developed, with the City gradually wearing down the home defence.

Five minutes from the interval Goodison tested Brown with the first real shot by a City forward.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 1, Oxford City 0.

Wycombe did not have the look of League leaders, but the City, thoroughly weakened by the absence of Buswell and Howlett, fought a plucky rear-guard action. Having his severest test yet, Staniland performed well.

Harris gave Thorne a chance for an equaliser but the inside forward drove wide as he hit the ball on the run.

As Trott raced through he lost his left boot, running on for 15 yards before centring with his right foot.

HARRIS HURT

City merited an equaliser but their chances faded when Harris was hurt as he raced through.

After a long defensive spell City switched their attack, moving Allen into the centre to enable Bricknell to revert to his usual position, the wing.

Staniland made a brilliant save from Bates after Rockell had slipped through the middle.

Wycombe attacked strongly in the closing stages but the City defence held them out.

RESULT:

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